



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sandra S. Fowler Application Serial No.: 10/770,081

Filing Date: 02/02/2004 Examiner: Tejash D. Patel

Art Unit: 3765

Title: Protective Hand Guard

## Response to September 27, 2004, Office Action

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, Applicant takes the following actions:

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-9(on the basis of a statutory double patenting rejection), please cancel claims 1-9.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 10-14, Applicant has, concurrent with the response to this office action, filed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) and U.S. Patent No. 6,684,406(which is the basis for the Examiner's non-statutory double patenting objection) is commonly owned by Applicant Sandra S. Fowler.

Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 10-14 of the application, in view the actions taken above, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that this Response to September 27, 2004, Office Action, Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a "Prior" Patent and a check for \$55.00 (for filing a statutory disclaimer by a small entity) was deposited with the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with proper postage affixed in an envelope addressed to:

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on November 29, 2004. Benefit of a November 29, 2004 response date is respectfully requested.

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